Truths triumph over treacherous dealing:

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The innocency of Captain JOHN BERNARD; *wherewith the Lord hath enabled him to confound the horrid Conspiracies of many Eminent Officers, and other Members of the Army; and their confederates from time to time, ever since* August 1649. *though they have strongly endeavoured to make him odious unto your Highness, and Damme up your Justice against him, to his dammage far above* 10000*l. & also to take away his life for preventing his laying open their justifying the wicked, and condemning the innocent, out of strong delusion, or unparalell'd Treachery. As by the following Tragedy, wherein they have Acted their severall parts will better appear.*

May it plase your HIGHNESSE!

DOctor *Walls* presented a report unto your Highness, 15 *May* last, grounded upon Records and former reports and testimony upon oath, declaring that I have fully cleared my self from all unfaithfulness in my command. And have spent many years time, and disbursed many hundred pounds in finding out, and laying open, the Plots and Conspiracies of your open and secret enemies. And have neglected the recovery of a great share in Lands due unto my family meerly to attend that service, and have run my self into five hundred pound debt in prosecution thereof, for the preservation of your Highness and the Common wealth: mean while I was assistant in taking above twenty depositions by your order which prove the late speaker *Lenthal*, and neer one hundred great persons guilty of treason, and misprision of treason for driving on the Popes Interest, and also proving that at least two hundred thousand *per annum*, in Lands is clearly due unto, though wrongfully detained from the Common-wealth. This and the like cases being excepted from pardon in the Act of Oblivion. But Major Generall *Whaley*, Major General *Goffe*, Lievtenant Collonel *White*, Collonel *Grosvener*, Doctor *Staines*, and Judge Advocate *Whaley*, (through some strong delusion) did smother and surpress all the aforesaid depositions, by publishing a false report to justifie the said speaker, and the rest in their wickednes, and condemning mee and other innocent persons for our apparent fidelity to the Common-wealth; both which are anabomina ionto the Lord. And though a full answer to that false report was forthwith prepared for the press about 26 *August*, 1649. yet because the common enemy were then under an oath of secrecy and combination to make generall insurrections, I prevailed with the prosecutors and witnesses to forbear publishing thereof, least the Army here should have been divided and distracted thereby, and your Highnesses hands weakned, and the common enemy encouraged and strengthened in their dangerous conspiracies.

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That about 12 *July*, 1650. I apprehended one Captain *Bolton* an agent for the King of Scots, who confessed there were thirty thousand Cavaliers and Levellers listed for the King of Scots, in and about *London*. But the Jesuited Leveller Captain *Bishop*, with Judge Advocate *Marget*, smothered up the business, and caused *Bolton* to bee taken into favour; notwithstanding his manifest Trechery: and mee to bee exposed to utter ruine for my faithfull service. For in *September* 1651. one *Stephen Sprat*, another Jesuited Leveller did exhibite Articles of high treason against mee to the Parlament, and published them in a most scandalous Pampler, not only to take away my life, but to make mee odious unto all posterity. Yet, when *Lilborn*, *Wildman*, *Ayres*, *Harris*, &c. were called before the High Court of Justice, they could not prove the least crime, or dishonesty against mee; moreover Judge Advocate *Marget* about the same time entertained many accusations against mee for false Musters, (apparently to trouble my spirit in the managing of truth) yet the Lord enabled mee to give him such a full answer in writing under my hand, that hee and his confederates durst not proceed against mee.

That the Title to a great estate in Lands of fifteenhundred pounds a year, due unto my wife & her son lately deceased, and for twenty years Rents in arrears for that estate, was tryed, and cleared in *July*, 1650. And some of the Counsell of State knowing my service and disbursments, and just right to the said estate, and also that I had laid out five hundred pounds about raising a Troop of horse, and had not any thing from the State towards that charge; and that I might get a Judgement upon a speciall verdict concerning the aforesaid estate, in *Michaelmas* Term, 1650. they were pleased to order mee two hundred twenty six pounds, sixteen shillings, to bee payd at *Carlisle* in *October* 1650. But Major General *Whaley* got one hundred twenty six pounds, of the said two hundred twenty six pounds sixteen shillings into his hands, and necessitated me to borrow, and expend one hundred pound to search after, and finde out that one hundred twenty six pounds sixteen shillings, and to recover the same, but all in vain above a whole year together; whereby I have been utterly disabled to get a judgement concerning the aforesaid great estate: ever since *October* 1650. And in *December*, 1650. Leivtenant Collonel *White* was appointed to consider what pay should bee given to the new raised Troops: my Troop being one of them, and when I had declared my aforesaid service, and disbursments, in generall tearms hee demanded of me whether I had not a hand in prosecuting Master Speaker, and then improved his Interest so, that I had not six pence pay ordered untill *July* 1651. upon my complaint to Major Generall *Lambert*; and thereby also I was further disabled to get a judgement concerning the aforesaid great estate.

That 27 *Aprill*, 1651. I was regimented under Collonel *Lytcot*, the said speakers Nephew: who forthwith drew in his Major *Scot*, and my Cornet *Harley* to confederate with him, and then used most unchristian like ways to abuse me, and weary mee of my command, as a copy of the Letter charged upon his conscience, and his silent confession of the charge doth remonstrate, specially in rewarding me with evill for good, immediately after I had done him the service of an Engineer *gratis*, daily at the *Fron-*

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tier Garriſon *Lithgo*, beſides my command of horſe for neer three months, and at the firſt paſſage into *Fiſe*, where the deſign was declared fruſtrate, becauſe not a horſe could bee ſhip'd, yet in that ſtrait the Lord enabled me to prepare twelve bridges in an hour, wherewith all the horſe were ſpeedily ſhip'd, and landed again ſafely: But upon my falling dangerouſly ſick two dys before the Army marched towards *Bunt-Iſland*; Collonel *Lytcot*, Major *Scot*, Captain *Hankrendg*, and Cornet *Harley* took advantage and accuſed mee for a notorious cheater of the State, in muſtering neer one hundred ſouldiers, and had not forty: whereupon I declared in private unto your Highneſs the ground of their malice; and that I could not vindicate my ſelf fully without publiſhing an anſwer unto the falſe report, concerning the ſmothering, and ſuppreſſing the aforeſaid depoſitions: being convinced that ſuch a publication would have troubled your Highneſs and the Army, and opened the mouths of your enemies, to inſult and blaſpheme upon ſight of the abomination committed by thoſe eminent Officers, who are grea profeſſors of godlineſ, and honeſty. Whereupon I praied a diſcharge, and an order for my Arrears to pay fifty pounds to Maſter *Clark*, fifty pounds to Cornet *Harley*, fifty pounds to one *John Porter*, and twenty three pounds to one *Charles Peck*; which I borrowed and diſburſed about raiſing and recruiting my Troop, and your Highneſs ordered the reducement of my Troop into the ſame Regiment: and ordered Maſter *Bilton* the Deputy Treaſurer, to ſtate and pay off my Arrears for diſcharging the aforementioned debts, the day you marched from *Bunt-Iſland* toward *Johnſtone*: But Collonel *Lytcot* and the reſt, forthwith drew in Maſter *Bilton*, to contemne your Highneſſes Order.

That the day after my Troop was reduced, Judge Advocate *Whaly* granted a Warrant, and gave it Col. *Lytcot* to keep me priſoner at *Leith*, till I had payd four hundred & ſixty pounds, where there was not ſix pence due: & my ſickneſs continuing; upon your Highneſſes return to *Leith*, *Aug.* 5. 1651. Collonel *Lytcot*, Major *Scot*, & Captain *Hankrendge* did renew their former accuſation the night before you came for *England*; affirming again that I did muſter neer one hundred ſouldiers, and had not forty: And that in contempt of your Highneſſes order, I had given diſcharges to thoſe forty. Nevertheleſs, your Juſtice was ſuch, that you forthwith ſent a meſſenger for mee, and the Lord enabled mee to appear out of my ſick bed, and neceſſitate Captain *Hankrendge* to produce a liſt of my ſouldiers, received into the ſeverall Troops at the head of the Regiment; which proved Collonel *Lytcot* and the reſt malicious liars to their faces before your Highneſs. Nevertheleſs becauſe I knew that Collonell *Lytcots* Uncle and the reſt of your ſerret enemies were then too ſtrong for you, I did forbear to pray your Juſtice aguinſt my falſe accuſers, and to reſtore me to a command, and prayed onely your order to appoint Collonel *Lytcot* my chiefeſt accuſer, to be one of my Judges with the Commiſſioners at *Leith*, for examining my muſter roll whereof they accuſed me: And your Highneſs forthwith graciouſly granted an order, by virtue whereof I have a Certificate under Collonel *Lytcots* own hand, which proves that I did not muſter a man falſly, and alſo proves Collonell *Lytcot*, and his confederates, to bee falſe and malicious accuſers.

That during my purſuance of the ſaid Certificate, Major *Scot* with Col-

ſonel *Lytcots* approbation granted a Warrant unto one *Timothy Harley* to ſeize upon, and keep all my horſes (really worth one hundred pounds) under colour of one hundred fifty pound debt, as part of the four hundred ſixty pound debt. When as the ſaid *Harley* confeſſed before the Governour, that hee did owe mee twenty two pound upon bond then produced under his hand and ſeal: whereupon the Governour appointed three Captains in *Leith* to examine the four hundred & ſixty pound pretended debt, and that one hundred & fifty pound in particular; and they found and certified it meerly clamor. Inſomuch that the Governour reſtored me all my horſes, and gave mee his paſs for *England*.

Upon my return to *weſtminſter*, 27 *September*, 1651. Cornet *Harley* impeached mee for a notorious cheater unto Juſtice *Squib*, affirming that I had cheated my Troop of one thouſand pound, and had cheated him, and others of ſeverall ſumms of money: and pretended that your Highneſs had iſſued out ſeverall Warrants to apprehend mee for a cheater: whereupon hee ſurprized the Juſtice, and got a Warrant, 28 *October*, 1651. and brought Conſtables and Beadles, & many Neighbours, to my houſe in *James-Street Weſtminſter*. I being dangerouſly ſick at the ſame time, under the hands of two Doctors in *London*: and the ſaid *Harley declared* openly that I had ſo cheated my Troop of one thouſand pound, and was not fit to live in a Common-wealth.

About 12 *November*, 1651. Maſter *Malyn* read Collonel *Lytcots* Certificate, and my Petition directed unto your Highneſs, declaring the foregoing malicious practiſes, and in Maſter *Bultons* contempt of your Highneſs Order for my Arrears, and the deteinment of the one hundred twenty ſix pound —ſixteen ſhillings, by Major Generall *Whaley*. And I prayed your Highneſs Order for my Arrears, and that 126l. 16s. and that your Highneſs would appoint ſome Commiſſioners of the Army, and give Cornet *Harley* or any other liberty to prove mee a knave if they could, and to give mee liberty to prove Cornet *Harley* or any other a knave that I could, and certifie your Highneſs. Maſter *Malyn* being then impowred to read Petitions and Papers relating to the Army, and report the ſtate thereof. But Maſter *Malyn* choſe rather to ſin againſt God, and his own ſoul in having reſpect to my great enemies, & alſo to ly againſt the truth, then to take that opportunity for doing good, & to have compaſſion, and mercy, and plead my cauſe; wherefore he replyed that my buſineſs did not belong to your Highneſs, & he would not meddle with it. And to cover his wilful wickedneſs, and juſtifie my malicious Accuſers, and make mee more odious, and miſerable: hee forthwith forged ſeverall notorious lies, and ſaid, that the accuſation for falſe Muſters was not the only cauſe for which my Troop was reduced, for I was taken in a Room at *Brunt-Iſland* with a woman in an unſeemly manner, and that your Highneſs cauſed mee to bee ſecured by your Warrant, and I durſt not abide a Court-Martiall: otherwiſe I had been diſgracefully caſhier'd. And hee further ſaid, that the State placed a Cornet in my Troop, and I took two hundred ponnds for a bribe of another; and diſplaced him the State appointed, and placed the other in his ſtead.

Whereupon I wrote a Chriſtian-like Letter unto Mr. *Malyn*, telling him of the great wrong he had done me, in abuſing his great truſt, and dam-

damming up your Highneſſes Juſtice againſt me, & cauſing me to undergo your Highneſſes heavie diſpleaſure undeſervedly, in refuſing to report my Petition and Collonel Lytcotts Certificate, and in caſting the fore-going groundleſſe reproaches upon me, and I preſſed him to ceaſe from his unkind dealing, and procure me your Highneſſes Juſtice. Nevertheleſſe Mr. *Malyn* upon perusal of that Letter did with much paſſion juſtifie himſelf, and add ſin unto ſin to cover his former wickedneſs.

Upon 3. *Decemb* 1651. your Highneſſe granted me an Order, appointing Col. *Wenthrop*, Judge Advocate *Marget*, and many other Referrees to hear the complaint of Cornet *Harley* or any other againſt me, and my complaint againſt Cornet *Harley*, or any other; and alſo ordering me to attend thoſe Referrees with freedom from Arreſts: Whereupon Coll. *Wenthrop*, Lievt. Col. *Wo ſley*, and Judge Advocate *Marget* did meet, and receiv the complaints betwixt Cornet *Harley* and I, 25. *Decemb.* 1651. But, becauſe Col. *Lytcott*, Major *Scott*, and Judge Advocate *Whaley* were laid open to be in Confederacy with *Harley* in his malicious practices, therefore Col. *Wenthrop* and the reſt did forthwith huddle up a Report, and juſtifie *Harley* and the reſt in their wickedneſſe, and condemne mee for my Innocency: Whereupon I produced Chriſtian-like Exceptions againſt their Report, and proved the falſhood thereof to their faces; nevertheleſſe they would not alter the ſame: mean while I moved your Highneſſe 26. *January*, 1651. as I had often done before, to read my Petition, and Col. *Lytcotts* Certificate, but your Highneſſe ſtill referred me to Mr. *Malyn*, inſomuch that I was conſtrained to declare unto your Highneſſe that he was my Enemy without cauſe, and your Highneſſe ſpake your ſelf weary, ſo as you could not hear my complaint, but referred it to Major Gen. *Whaley*, and Major Gen *Goffe*; and though Mr. *Malyn* confeſſed the truth of my Complaint for the above-mentioned unchriſtian-like practiſes againſt me: Yet Major Gen. *Goffe* told my Wife, and a Juſtice of Peace with her, that Report was made to his Highneſſe to juſtifie Mr. *Malyn* likewiſe in his wickedneſſe, and condemne mee for my innocencie.

Upon 8 *Febr.* 1651. I ſhewed Col. *Wenthrop* a Narrative of all the foregoing malice againſt me directed unto your Highneſſe, he pretending then that he would declare to your Highneſſe ſeveral particulars by word of mouth, wherein their Report was ſhort: and after ſerious reading that Narrative relating my patient ſufferings for your Highneſſe ſafety; he replied that your Highneſs would take me into your boſome ſo ſoon as you was acquainted therewith. But the ſame night Col. *Wenthrop* and the reſt forged a notorious lie, and told your Highneſs that I made uſe of your Order to cheat my Creditors, and ſo poſſeſſed your Highneſs with prejudice againſt me, that you recalled your juſt Order before my complaints were heard, though that very Report doth declare, that neither Cornet *Harley*, M. *Malyn* nor any other could prove me guilty of the leaſt crime or diſhoneſty: Whereupon I was conſtrain'd to confinemy ſelf to my houſe, rather then periſh in priſon for the aforeſaid 500l. which I borrowed, & diſburſed for the preſervation of your Highneſs & the Commonwealth, and have not received ſatisfaction: Nevertheleſſe at the ſame time your Highneſs juſtice was ſuch, that upon peruſal of Col. *Lytcotts* Certifi-

eare which clears me from all unfaithfulneſs in my command, you forthwith renewed your Order in *Scotland*, and ordered Capt *Blackwell* to ſtate my Arreats, and certifie the ſame; onely Capt. *Blackwell* likewiſe hath ever ſince contemned your Highneſſes Order, and Mr. *Malyn* hath juſtified him in his contempt, inſtead of reporting it unto your Highneſs upon my frequent importunity; whereby I have been further diſabled to get a judgment concerning the great eſtate due unto my family.

That your Highneſs hath granted me ſeven References ſince *July* 1 51 And Col. *Mill*, Maj. *Elatſon* and others, have ſtrictly examined and reported my aforeſaid ſervice, diſburſments and ſufferings; yet out of reſpect to the aforeſaid great Officers, they have not pleaded my cauſe unto your Highneſs, but have kept me in a very periſhing condition for want of your Highneſſes promiſed juſtice; onely Col. *Mill* being my next neighbour, and ſome more ſenſible of my ſufferings, did put my name in his muſter-rol of himſelf, and ſo hath helped me to 4s—6d, a week for the two laſt years, towards the preſent ſubſiſtence of my ſelf and Family.

That about 30 *Octob.* 1656. Mr *Malyn* read a Chriſtian-like Letter and Narrative from me, declaring his apparent combination in all the foregoing malicious practiſes againſt me, and I deſired no more from him then an acknowledgment that he had done me wrong, and a promiſe that thereafter he would take all opportunities for doing me good; and I related in that Narrative the particular injuries he had done me from time to time, wherewith he had not onely diſabled me to get a judgment in the aforeſaid great eſtate, but alſo expoſed me and my Family to utter ruine, and I did inſtance that by his confeſſion or refuſal, he would declare himſelf either to be a ſorrowful Saint, or an obſtinate Hypocrite: Nevertheleſſe inſtead of confeſſing and forſaking his ſins, he hath ever ſince perſevered in his moſt malicious wickedneſs: moreover being told by a friend, how Maj Gen. *Berry* was as a father to Mr *Malyn*, and the chief inſtrument to prefer him to your Higneſſe; I did thereupon ſtate the foregoing particulars in an abſtract 13 *Febr.* 1656, and Maj. Gen. *Berry* promiſed Mr. *Malyn* ſhould do me right: But Mr. *Malyn* and his confederates ſo ſurprized him, that after two months delay he juſtified Mr. *Malyn* in his manifeſt wickedneſſe: moreover Col. *Mill* being a member of the ſame gathered Church with Mr. *Malyn*, did on a ſudden lay aſide his engagement unto the reſt of the Referees to ſilence the clamors of my Creditors, and declared to one of them that I have nothing due from the Common-wealth, nor no Eſtate, and that he would not give 3d for any Eſtate I ſhou'd recover, and withall he gave that Creditor liberty to arreſt me, when as he and others had ſigned an Inſtrument to ſecure me from Arreſts during the dependence of my Caſe before them, they being aſcertain'd that Cornet *Hadley* and others have wicked agents laying wait to caſt me into priſon: Whereupon I ſent a Chriſtian-like Letter unto Col. *Mill*, charging upon his conſcience his moſt apparent partiality, and connivence, and ſhameful Apoſtaſie from, and lying, and againſt the truth, which he hath formerly owned under his hand in many Reports and Papers: And I did beſeech him to ceaſe from that great evill, and plead my cauſe before your Highneſſe in *April* laſt accor-

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ding to his duty: nevertheleſſe he hath ever ſince perſevered in his connivence at all the malicious practiſes againſt me.

That obſerving how the late Speaker *Lenthall*, and a faction with him in this Parlament drive on the Popes and Jeſuits Intereſt, and uſe their utmoſt endeavours to make your Highneſs odious, in order to their laying your Honour in the duſt; whereupon I wrote a Letter to Dr. *Wells* 7 *May* laſt, intimating the conſpiracy; and the Doctor brought my Letter unto your Highneſs 14 *May* laſt, and they came to my houſe about it, at which time I diſcovered ſome part of the conſpiracy to him in general tearms, and told him that it was very dangerous to proceed in laying it open untill the afore mentioned Officers and members of the Army were either undeceived, or removed. And in order thereunto Doctor *Wells* took a Chriſtian-like Charge from me that 14 *May*, and preſented it unto your Highneſs on Friday morning 15 *May* laſt, impeaching the aforeſaid Officers and members for partiality, and injuſtice in concealing truth from your Highneſs, and reporting falſhood inſtead of truth againſt mee (as *Haman* did againſt *Mordecai*), Notwithſtanding all my faithful ſervice, and great diſburſments, and diſmall ſufferings for the preſervation of your Highneſs, and the Commonwealth: And I praied that your Highneſs would hear me and any Accuſer face to face, as you did at *Lith*, which you graciouſly promiſed to do: But the aforeſaid Officers, nor durſt not abide trial before you, and my charge againſt them coming on courſe into Mr. *Malyn*'s hands, as from to time formerly, he being Agent for them all; thereupon a moſt improbable Robbery is ſaid to be committed at Col. *Wenthrop*'s houſe in *James*-ſtreet Weſtminſter, who is my near neighbour; and I of all others muſt be one of the 3 theeves, and after ſix weeks deliberation many falſe witneſſes are raiſed againſt me to take away my life, and bring my innocent blood upon your Highneſſes head: which is a moſt apparent deſign to make me odious unto your Highneſs, for preventing my diſcovery of their wickedneſſe. For the moſt high GOD is my witneſſe, and an old Miniſter of the Goſpel is my witneſſe likewiſe, that I was in my houſe all the night that the pretended Robbery is ſaid to be committed, and was adviſing with that old Miniſter how I might beſt proceed in managing the aforeſaid Charge in your Highneſſes hands againſt Col. *Wenthrop* and the reſt, at the very hour that the moſt improbable Robbery was ſaid to be committed: And to aſſure your Highneſſe, and all Chriſtian people further that I am innocent; p'eaſe to put on bowels of mercy, love, and compaſſion, and conſider;

That having Eternity in my eye, and, *Go yee curſed*, and *Come yee bleſſed* in my ſerious contemplation; and knowing that God can make me an immediate example of his fierce wrath, if I declare not the truth from my heart; I do ſolemnly beg of God, that all the Curſes written in his Book may forthwith fall upon mee and my Family, if I be not as innocent as the child unborn, as to Col. *Wenthrops* pretended Robbery: Nevertheleſſe Col. *Wenthrop* under colour thereof doth moſt maliciouſly proceed to raiſe and bring in a cloud of falſe witneſſes to have me murdered, and hath taken a falſe Oath himſelf, and brought in diverſe of his Servants to ſwear falſly already, for hindering me from being Bayled according to Law, otherwiſe I am well aſſured that your Highneſſes juſtice is ſuch, that you would have commanded four, or more Juſtices of the Peace, to have ſtrictly examined this horrid abomination long before this time; and called Col. *Wenthrop* and I, face to face, and all his falſe witneſſes, for the better vindicating truth from all his forged lies: Moreover Mr *Jeffery Corbet* hath endeavoured

red to present a Letter from Doctor *Welles* unto your Highnesse ever since 22 *June* last, for the speedy examination of this, and the like obstructions of Justice, but cannot come at you: From whence you may gather how you are beset with secret enemies, who keep you so locked up, that many of your faithful friends cannot come near you. And in order to my being murdered, Col. *Wenthrop* did so surprize the Justice with impudent lies, that he committed me to Newgate for Felony and Burglary 4 *July* last, when Col. *Wenthrop* durst charge me with no more then bare suspicion; and I stand committed upon that illegal Warrant, and pray your justice to preserve my just right, according to your Oath, which is apparently taken from me, contrary to the Law of God, and the Law of the Land, both which you have bound your self by Oath to maintain and defend.

May it therefore please your Highnesse to appoint the Lord Deputy, and others, to examine the pretended Robbery, according to the Praier of my large Petition, and Report what they find unto your Highnesse, that your Highnesse may have full ground to imitate holy *Job*, and search out the truth therein your self, which at present you know not, your Highnesse being onely the proper Judge be wixt Col. *Wenthrop* and I, according to your promise on Friday in the morning 15 *May* last, before there was any name of Col. *Wenthrops* most improbable Robbery, that being apparently invented since. And Col. *Wenthrop* durst not procure me an Order from your Highnesse or the Parlament, that it might be examined by you Highnesse, or by your Referrees for bringing truth to light, though I challenged it from him before three sufficient witnesses, 5 *June* last. And I presse you the more for a speedy strict examination, which may be done in 24 hours; and so prevent the further laying open the nakedness of your Officers, which hath been your secret enemies design to force me unto all along, especially ever since 29 *July*, 1651, as is ready to be made appear unto your Highnesse by

Your Highnesses faithfull servant, though at present buried alive by malicious reproaches in men's throats which are an open sepulchre,

July 30. 1657.

JOHN BERNARD.

POSTSCRIPT.

Severall days after the foregoing Abstract was delivered into the hands of Col. *Phayer* to be presented unto your Highness many remarkable passages of Providence have appeared to vindicate my innocency from Col. *Wenthrop's* forged lies, and false witnesses. And about 5 a clock in the afternoon, on Saturday 1 of *August* instant, those footsteps of Providence brought one Mr. *Bryan Harper* to me unto Newgate who produced the Copies of several Informations upon Oath taken before Mr. Justice *Roberts*, 23 *May* last declaring that Col. *Wenthrop*, and diverse of his servants (who have falsly accused me) did likewise falsly accuse Mr. *Harper* for being one in a Robbery said to be committed at Col. *Wenthrops* house Friday in the night 15 *May* last. But Mr. *Harper* gave such a clear account that he was at *Ipswich* on Friday, and lodged at *Colchester* that Friday night 1 *May* last, that the Justice took his Bayle, and Mr. *Harper* having his liberty went to *Colchester* and sent to *Ipswich*, and had many Witnesses examined upon Oath before the chief Magistrate in both places, and hath two Certificates under those Magistrates hands and the Town-seals, which clear his Innocencie. Insomuch that Col. *Wenthrop* and his false witnesses had their faces so cloathed with shame that Col. *Wenthrop* was glad to improve his uttermost interest to have the Recognizance withdrawn, and the false informations discharged by Order of Sessions at *Hick's Hall* in *June* last. Nevertheless, because Mr. *Harper* declared before the Justice upon Col. *Wenthrops* instance that he knew me not. The God of this world hath so blinded Col. *Wenthrop* eyes, and hardened his heart, that 9 *July* last, he proceeded to take away my life with the same forged lies and false witnesses, &c. which is an evident demonstration that he hath a Form without the Power of Godlinesse. And that to the great dishonour of God, and your Highness, and the Parlament, and Army. He doth knowingly and wilfully endeavour to bring my innocent blood upon your Highness, and upon himself and his posterity to hide his sins rather then he will confesse and forsake his malicious wickednesse. Therefore your Highness's justice is further importuned according to my aforesaid Petition, for a speedy strict and private Examination, which